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August 2, 1995

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**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION,
DIAMOND ALKALI SUPERFUND SITE, NEWARK**

Dear Mr. Richman:

Attached is the completed Request for Information concerning the above subject, which is being submitted in response to your July 13, 1995 letter. During a discussion with Frank D'Ascensio, Manager of Industrial & Pollution Control, you agreed to visit the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners offices to conduct the file review, rather than have our staff attempt to determine what would be pertinent to EPA. In addition, you agreed to provide your own copier. Finally, at this time, we will not be able to turn any of our original files over to you. Please call Tom Mack, Supervisor of Industrial Operations at (201) 817-5718 to schedule your visits.

Very truly yours,

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Davenport", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Davenport
Executive Director

RJD/mc

cc: Frank P. D'Ascensio
Patricia C. Hick, USEPA

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ATTACHMENT A RESPONSES

1. The Commission was created March 27, 1902 by legislative action of the State of New Jersey (the "Original Act") as a public body established for the purpose of developing a plan for eliminating pollution from the streams and rivers within the Passaic River valley drainage area (the "Area" is defined herein as the drainage areas of the Passaic River basin extending from the Great Falls in Paterson, New Jersey to Newark Bay;). Under the Act, the Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each Commissioner serves for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed.
2. Sometime during the first quarter of this century. A record of a release, disposal or discharge event would have been initially created from a variety of possibilities, such as citizen complaints, discovery by PVSC Inspectors, referral from a government agency, the company making the discharge, a regular PVSC inspection etc.
3. (a) See attached tabulation
(b) EPA will conduct its own file review as per the prior agreement
4. None
5. None
6. We have only conventional pollutant analyses (BOD, COD, TSS) on surface water samples.
7. This information will be contained in each file.

8. All person listed as employed by PVSC in the Industrial and Pollution Control Department, at 600 Wilson Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07105. All phone numbers are direct numbers in the (201) area code.
- (a) Frank P. D'Ascensio, Manager of Industrial & Pollution Control (201) 817-5710.
 - (b) Tom P. Mack, Supervisor of Industrial Operations (201) 817-5718.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of New Jersey

County of Essex :

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that PVSC is under a continuing obligation to supplement its response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or the PVSC's response thereto should become known or available to PVSC.

Thomas Mack
NAME (print or type)

Supervisor FWD. OPERATIONS
TITLE (print or type)

Thomas Mack
SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this 2nd
day of August , 1995

MaryAnn Daggett
Notary Public

MARY ANN DAGGETT
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 17, 1999

ATTACHMENT A

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is investigating the disposal of hazardous wastes into the Passaic River. EPA believes that the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") has information regarding direct or indirect release, discharge or disposal of wastes from industrial facilities into the Passaic River.

Please provide the information requested below, including copies of all available documentation, that supports your answers.

1. In what year did PVSC begin operations? Please provide information on PVSC's creation, organization, and its area of authority.

2. In what year did PVSC begin keeping records of industrial releases, disposal or discharges into the Passaic River? What initiated creation of a record relating to a release, disposal or discharge event (i.e., citizen complaint, discovery by PVSC investigators, regular inspections, etc.)?

3. a. Do you have information on releases, disposal or discharges of hazardous substances into the Passaic River, either directly or indirectly (through, for instance, possible combined sewer overflows) from the following industrial facilities in Newark, Kearny, Belleville or Harrison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Active Oil Company, 374 Main Street, Belleville	—	X
2. Adco Chemical, 148-154 Rome Street, Newark	X	—
3. Alcan Aluminum, Jacobus Avenue, Kearny	—	X
4. Alden Leeds, Inc., 2145 McCarter Highway, Newark	—	X
5. Alliance Chemical, 33 Avenue P, Newark	X	—
6. Arkansas Chemical, Foundry St., Newark	X	—
7. Ashland Chemical, Foundry St. or Doremus Ave., Newark	X	—
8. Associated Autobody & Truck, Raymond Blvd, Newark	—	X
9. Astron Corp., East Newark	—	X
10. Aszo Steel Company, Harrison	—	X
11. Atlas Refinery, 142 Lockwood St., Newark	X	—
12. Automatic Electro-Plating, Newark	X	—
13. Avon Drum Co., Newark	—	X
14. B-Line Trucking, Inc., 67 Esther St., Newark	X	—
15. Barth Smelting & Refining, 99 Chapel St., Newark	X	—
16. BASF Wyandotte Corp, 50 Central Ave., Kearny	X	—
17. Benjamin Moore & Co., 134 Lister Avenue, Newark	X	—
18. Berg Chemical, Newark	—	X
19. CWC Industries Inc., Newark	—	X
20. Cellomar Corp., 46 Albert Ave., Newark	X	—
21. Chemical Compounds, 29-75 Riverside Ave., Newark	X	—
22. Conus Chemical, Newark	X	—

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
23. Coronet Chemical Co., Newark	—	X
24. Crucible Steel, Harrison	X	—
25. Dovan Chemical Corp., 441 Riverside Ave., Newark	—	X
26. DuPont, Doremus Avenue, Newark	—	X
27. Elan Chemical Co., Inc., 268 Doremus Avenue, Newark	X	—
28. Essex Chemical, 330 Doremus Ave., Newark	X	—
29. Fairmount Chemical Co., 117 Blanchard Street, Newark	X	—
30. Flexon Industries Corp., Washington Ave., Belleville	X	—
31. Gabest Company, 1000 S. Fourth St., Harrison	—	X
32. General Lead Batteries Co., Chapel & Lister, Newark	—	X
33. Grignard Chemical, Newark	—	X
34. A. Gross & Company, 652 Doremus Ave., Newark	—	X
35. Charles F. Guyon Co., Harrison	—	X
36. Honig Chemical, Newark	X	—
37. Hummel Croton, Chem., Foundry Street Complex, Newark	—	X
38. Miele Brothers Trucking, Newark	—	X
39. Monsanto Company, Pennsylvania Avenue, Kearny	X	—
40. PPG Industries, Inc., Newark	—	X
41. Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal, Doremus Ave., Newark	X	—
42. Plextone Corporation of America, Newark	—	X
43. Prince Packaging Company, Harrison	—	X
44. Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., 46 Albert Ave., Newark	X	—
45. Reilly Tar & Chemical, Doremus Ave., Newark	—	X
46. Reliable Steel Drum Company, 33 Avenue P, Newark	—	X
47. Revere Smelting & Refining, 383 Avenue P, Newark	—	X
48. Rose Ribbon and Carbon Manufacturing, Harrison	—	X
49. Sergeant Chemical Co., Lister Avenue, Newark	X	—
50. Sherwin-Williams, Brown & Lister Avenue, Newark	X	—
51. Sun Chemical Corp., Newark	X	—
52. Joseph Supor & Sons Trucking, Harrison	—	X
53. Synfax Manufacturing, 681 Main Street, Belleville	—	X
54. Thomasett Color Company, 120 Lister Avenue, Newark	—	X
55. Tower Manufacturing Company, 85 Doremus Ave., Newark	—	X
56. Walter Kidde & Company, 675 Main Street, Belleville	X	—
57. Witco-Humko Chemical Div., 652 Doremus Ave., Newark	X	—
58. Woburn Degreasing, 1200 Harrison Avenue, Kearny	—	X
59. U.S. Industrial Chemicals, 300 Doremus Avenue, Newark	X	—
60. Universal International Industries, Newark	—	X
61. Vulcan Material Company, 600 Doremus Avenue, Newark	X	—

b. If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in 3.a above, please provide all documents relating to the release, disposal or discharge event or events.

4. If you have information on any release, disposal or discharge events for companies listed in 3.a at locations other than those specified in the Question, please provide that information.

5. Do you have information on release, discharge or disposal of hazardous substances into the Passaic River, either directly or indirectly through possible combined sewer overflows, by any other company than those listed in Question 3.a? If so, please provide documents relating to those events.

6. Please provide all other documents pertaining to the results of any analyses of the discharge stream, surface water, ambient air or any other environmental media related to the events identified in response to Questions 3, 4 and 5.

7. Please provide the names of any parties at the company or facility with whom PVSC had any communication regarding the events identified in Questions 3, 4 and 5.

8. Provide the name, address, telephone number, title and occupation of the person(s) answering this "Request for Information" and state whether such person(s) has personal knowledge of the responses. In addition, identify each person who assisted in any way in responding to the "Request for Information" and specify the question to which each person assisted in responding.